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Now at Grace-Canton



Max McCullough

Grace Baptist Church, Canton, has called Max K. McCullough as its pastor. Pastor McCullough comes from Wheelersburg where he served nearly five years. During his ministry there he served on the Citizen's

Advisory Council for the elementary school; was chaplain of the Porter Rescue Squad; served on the Scioto Hills Camp Board; was active in the Southern Ohio Baptist Pastors Fellowship; and most recently serves as a member of the Council of Twelve.

Under his leadership, WBC secured a new parsonage, erased nearly \$115,000.00 of debt, and secured plans for a new auditorium building. He and his wife (Carol) both were involved in an extensive discipleship ministry while at WBC. Carol also was active in the music ministry, Awana, and taught several ladies Bible Studies.

The McCulloughs have three children: Shelly, Danette, and Margarita.

Pastor McCullough assumed his duties in Canton on June 14.

THREE OHIO YOUNG PEOPLE WIN NATIONAL TALENTS FOR CHRIST

Piano

2nd-Sheryl Yankovich
Maranatha-Columbus

Woodwinds

2nd-Renee Barengo
First-Medina

Male Voice

1st-Darin Struble
Emmanuel-Toledo

Kettenrings To Baptists For Israel



Rev. & Mrs. Joel S. Kettenring

Rev. and Mrs. Joel S. Kettenring, who served seventeen years with Baptist Mid-Missions, assume a new role with Baptist for Israel Ministries.

Rev. Kettenring was appointed Executive Director of Baptists for Israel Ministries on June sixteen by the Board of Trustees. He has served on the board for seven years. Baptists for Israel began as a vision of Dr. Denzel L. Osburn and Leeland and Mary Crotts for a work in Israel. The work has been uniquely led and blessed by the Lord.

Mrs. Pauline Kettenring will be serving with her husband as Assistant to the Director. She will be assisting with publications, editing "Lightning Out of Israel" and directing the Office of Alumni Affairs of the Institute.

The Kettenrings will minister in churches and on College campuses, recruiting students for the Institute in Israel and the summer apprenticeship program. Students live on a kibbutz to learn about the people and study the land in a cross-cultural setting. Thirty-two hours of college credit may be earned. Dr. William Smallman, Dr. James Franklin Prewett, Leeland and Mary Crotts, and visiting lecturers teach at the Institute. Rev. Kettenring will be teaching special moduals. Field trips to Biblical sites add significantly to this cultural experience.

Rev. Kettenring will also be selecting pastors to shepherd groups on the Baptists for Israel Cultural Adventure Seminars, a seventeen day in-depth study of over forty sites in Israel.

The Kettenrings will continue to reside in Elyria, Ohio where they are members of First Baptist Church.

Calvary-Oberlin Honors Pastor



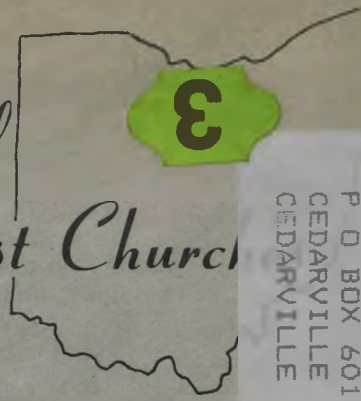
Rev. & Mrs. David Dunkin

Rev. and Mrs. David Dunkin were presented with a money tree at a farewell reception given them on their retirement from the Oberlin Calvary Baptist Church. The Dunkins have been 40 years in the ministry and are presently serving part time in the office of Baptist Mission of North America.

The Oberlin church recently has called Jerry Vanderground of Mulberry, Florida to become their pastor, beginning in June.

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Bethel-Toledo - New Building

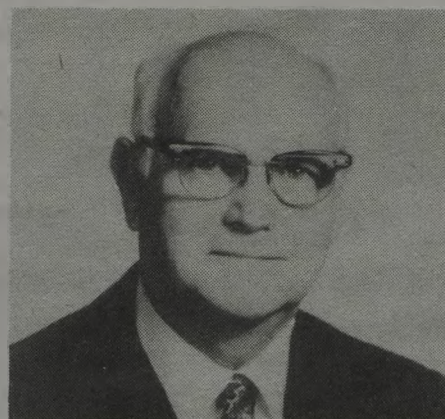


Bethel Baptist in Toledo has been enjoying a new 566 seat, fan-shaped auditorium since moving into the new facility in October. Due to the modern design, no seat is farther than 48 feet away from the pulpit. Included in the building program are additional restrooms, offices, nursery facilities, choir room, baptismal dressing rooms, large lobby, sound room, mechanics room, outside storage room, and usher's room which are near completion. Construction continues on the parking lot with paving expected by early Summer. The old auditorium has been converted into a gymnasium with basketball facilities and a complete AWANA circle.

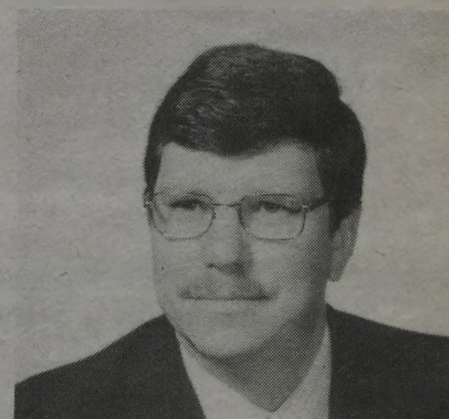
The church has seen considerable growth for the past few years. The last Sunday in May saw a combined adult worship and children's attendance of 350. Pastor Niner believes that God has blessed the obedience of His people to the principle found in Ephesians 4:12-16. The unity, love, and

nurturing done by the congregation has drawn others to Christ. Prayer has also been a major emphasis. The Sunday evening service is devoted to prayer involving the entire congregation from pre-kindergarten to adults. Wednesday night has become a family night with AWANA, Word of Life, and adult Bible Study.

Cleveland Hebrew Mission Announces Changes



Rev. A. Paul Tidball



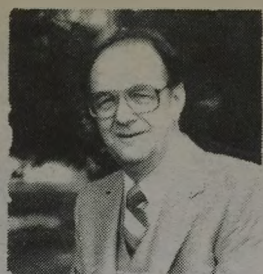
Rev. William Aiken

After a total combined years of ministry of 77 years, Rev. and Mrs. A. Paul Tidball have retired from the Cleveland Hebrew Mission and are now located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They will serve as Southeast Field Representative for that area, and also desire to be "Grandma and Grandpa" to university students, in particular Jewish ones, in the surrounding area. Mrs. Tidball (Judith) joined the mission on her birthday, May 7, in the year 1947. Thus, she recently completed a total of 45 years of service, many of those years being on the foreign field in Brazil. Rev. Tidball joined the Cleveland Hebrew Mission staff on a part-time basis in 1955, and moved to Cleveland with his family in January, 1957, to assume the position of assistant superintendent. In 1977 when Dr. Gerald V. Smelser retired from the office of Superintendent, the trustees approached Brother Tidball concerning becoming superintendent and he graciously accepted. For 32 years he has been busy for the Lord in Israel's vineyard.

The Lord called home Louise, his companion of many years, with a severe heart attack in 1973. In the providence of God, the Lord led him to Judith, a faithful co-worker and she became Mrs. A. Paul Tidball in 1979.

The trustees of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission are grateful that the Lord has called Rev. William Aiken to succeed Brother Tidball as superintendent. Bill and his wife, Lillie, served as missionaries with the mission from 1975 to 1979. Then Bill resigned to pursue further studies at Cedarville College and since then has served with "Friends of Israel" as Canadian Director in Montreal. He comes to work with mature judgment and experience. Rev. Aiken is available for speaking engagements. You may contact the mission at P.O. Box 21100, Cleveland, Ohio 44121. Phone: (216)291-2888.

The Representative's Spot



This issue of the O.I.B. gives the official report from the Annual Conference of the G.A.R.B.C. in Ames, Iowa. You should take time to read this.

If you are familiar with the emphasis of the G.A.R.B.C. in the last two years, you are aware that the concern is the starting of new churches. The goal of the G.A.R.B.C. is 2,000 churches by the year 2000 (I really hope the Lord returns before that time). That means some 400 churches will need to be started and going in the next twelve years. That's about thirty-four churches per year. But there will be some attrition. My feeling is that we need to average forty new churches per year.

What about the Ohio Association? We have started new churches in the past. Usually with a few families in a given area. The best and seeming blessed method is for an established church (or two or three or four) to consider an area and, with help of families from each church, begin a new work. Most of you know of the good work done in this manner by Washington Heights, Dayton and the releasing of a number of faithful people to begin the Clearcreek church in Springboro, now self-supporting and looking to build a building. The Washington Heights church is presently endeavoring to help another group in another area. If one can do it, certainly others can.

Pastor Earl Shaffer is looking toward Sidney and, as the Lord allows, Calvary, Bellefontaine will be the helper and "mother" church for this new beginning. Fellowship in Dublin is moving ahead. So we have some movement in the area of new churches.

Your Council of 12 of the O.A.R.B.C. is putting together a new church task force that will endeavor to lay a foundation, guidelines, and help in beginning new churches in Ohio. I trust you will make this a matter of prayer.

A number of years ago I was asked to participate in a survey that endeavored to find out why new churches are not beginning.

There are a number of reasons. One is that pastors are fearful of giving up people. (I remember Tom Younger mentioning this years ago and reminded us that we have people die and move and somehow these are replaced.) The second problem is that people will need to sacrifice when becoming a part of a new work because all programs may not be in place. And usually families with children want all programs from day one. Finances, of course, are a problem - for giving up families means loss of offerings plus the fact that new churches need outside support. But none of these reasons are impossible. They just mean a step of faith.

Somehow in answer, our philosophy is "big is better". But that is not true in the Lord's work. Don't forget the prophet's phrase:

"Despise not the day of small things."

Will you readers at least pray for the beginning of new churches? Be careful though, you may be the answer.

FOR ADVANCE THINKING

Don't forget the Annual Conference of the Ohio Association will be held October 19, 20, 21 at Grace Baptist, Cedarville.

With that in mind, pastor and people, be sure you participate in the election of the Council of 12. Every Association church needs to participate. Please watch for the forms from the secretary of the Council and be prompt in your reply.

While thinking about Annual Conference, how about a generous offering to help with the expenses? In advance!

While speaking of money, don't forget the General fund of the O.A.R.B.C. Your Ohio Association has many outreaches - all of which help churches and pastors. This does take money. To date, we are about even with income and expenses.

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KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

Brad Quick

Education Chairman



Introducing the Council to O.I.B. readers has not been a small task this year. With five new members coming on Council, it has taken to this issue to get to Pastor Brad Quick. (We did do this alphabetically.)

This is Pastor Quick's first time on Council and by the time you read this, he will at least be well indoctrinated.

He has served Ohio churches since 1975. At that time, he became pastor of First Baptist, Blanchester and remained there for nine years before moving to First Baptist Elyria in 1984. He also pastored Union Mills Baptist Church in Union Mills, Indiana and while in seminary, served as Assistant Pastor at Wawasee Heights Baptist Church.

Pastor Quick attended and graduated from Grace Seminary and is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Business Administration. (As you know, we usually refer to that as to the state up North.) While at Michigan, he played trumpet in the Michigan Marching Band and Concert Band. He and nine other university students formed a gospel

team called "The King's Heralds." He played trumpet and piano, sang baritone, and became speaker for the group. The group held meetings in churches and youth rallies across the midwest and Canada. During his summers and vacations, he worked for a certified public accounting firm. While doing this two-fold work, the Lord gave him a burden for preaching.

Pastor and Mrs. Quick, Debbie, a registered nurse, have two children, Kim and Kevin.

While at Blanchester, he served on the camp board for Scioto Hills. He is presently a trustee of Camp Patmos. He has regularly been speaker at our Ohio camps. He also serves on the advisory council of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Regarding the O.A.R.B.C., Pastor Quick writes: "I have enjoyed the fellowship of the O.A.R.B.C. pastors and churches. I am excited about the opportunity of serving on the Council of 12. I hope that I and the other members of the Council of 12 can be an encouragement to the pastors and congregations of our fellowship".

"Church Disasters Can be Blessings in Disguise"

by Pastor J. McClain, Calvary - Norwalk



Mrs. Elizabeth Laws



Needlepoint Picture of Calvary-Norwalk

Last year our church was presented with a special gift to mark 50 years of its existence. Elizabeth Laws, a faithful member, presented the church with a "labor of love" which took 6 months to complete, involving hundreds of hours of stitching. The needlepoint picture of the church facility has seventy-five thousand varying stitches of which are turkey, long diamond, mosaic, brick, parisian, couching and french knot. Over 875 yards of yarn went into the production of this 24" X 36" reproduction which she designed and brought to completion.

What makes this gift even more remarkable is Liz's testimony since she came to know the Lord in what I considered to be a disastrous circumstance. Eight years ago our men were serving the ladies at the Mother-Daughter Banquet at which she was an invited guest. Almost immediately, I wrestled the coat from her, convincing her that we would have a dry-cleaned and she would get it the following Sunday at church (what a way to get people in church, right?) She kept coming and ultimately she and her husband accepted the Lord and are both active serving members in our fellowship. Isn't it wonderful how God can change disasters into delight? He certainly does work in mysterious ways.

Have You Reserved These Dates?
October 19, 20, 21
Annual Conference - Grace Baptist - Cedarville

G.A.R.B.C. 56th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 56th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) met in annual session at the Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames the week of June 22-26, 1987. Over 1,600 messengers representing the fundamentalist church group registered. Peak attendance reached over 4,200.

This year's "Youth Days" were held four days, Tuesday through Friday, at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ames. Over 500 teens were in attendance.

Nine resolutions were acted upon by the messengers. (Complete resolutions are included with this report.) Included among them:

1. "The Primacy of Preaching" was concerned about the de-emphasis on the ministry of preaching in some circles, with the pulpit being replaced rather than augmented by films, concerts and seminar presentations.
2. "Local Church Integrity in View of Electronic Church Scandals", while not mentioning Jim and Tammy Bakker by name, was clearly a response to their indiscretions and called for moral purity, ethical uprightness and renewed missionary zeal on the part of all Christians.
3. "Pornography and Sexual Promiscuity" called upon government leaders to give serious attention to the Meese Committee Report on Pornography and declared AIDS to be a God-ordained consequence of debauchery.
4. "Missions" declared concern for the increasing need for world evangelism and encouraged our churches to reaffirm their commitment in meeting this need.
5. "Religious Liberty" recognized the encroachment of religious freedom in legislatures and litigation, and while viewing with alarm the brutal treatment of Christians in Communist countries, reaffirmed our commitment to the Biblical, baptistic principle of separation of church and state.
6. "Chaplaincy" called upon the young men of our churches to consider entering the military chaplaincy to help meet the spiritual needs of those in the services who regularly risk danger and occasionally are stationed in hostile areas (as USS Stark).

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches has been noted for its ongoing support of overseas missions over the years, but for the first time the sixteen-hundred churches have adopted a unified strategy of church planting here in the United States. The GARBC's new Committee on Church Growth announced their strategy; the chairman, Dr. Don Tyler, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church outside Indianapolis, saying the increased growth will take work. Twelve churches were received into the association at the business session on Tuesday. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches now numbers 1,593 churches. Reports given to the assembled messengers included mission agencies, chaplains, colleges and social agencies.

The missionary committee reported our five mission agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Baptist Mission of North America, Continental Baptist Mission and Evangelical Baptist Mission) now have 2,463 missionaries; including 1,861 on the field, 175 on furlough, 314 accepted candidates and 113 on the inactive or retired list. They further reported receiving \$40.9 million for the work of missions around the world. Regular Baptist missionaries are now serving in 80 countries besides the United States and Canada. The establishment of indigenous churches is their ultimate goal.

Dr. Harold Garland has been named president-elect of Baptist Mission of North America, succeeding Dr. Austin Plew. He begins his work in Elyria July 1. Dr. Garland has served four churches in the GARBC fellowship and has been active on state councils, the board of directors of Faith Baptist Bible College and the board of the Regular Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis, Michigan.

A new mission agency, Committee on Missionary Evangelism (COME), was approved by the Council of Eighteen; increasing our approved mission agencies to six. COME is a Baptist mission agency for full-time evangelists and Bible teachers, including those to children, dedicated to providing a soul-winning and strengthening ministry to fundamental, gospel preaching churches at home and around the world. Their purpose is to specialize in evangelistic and Bible teaching crusades in mission churches, struggling works and ministries in indigent areas that could not otherwise afford the Biblical, God-given gift of evangelist.

The Baptist Builder's Club, which gives financial grants of up to \$8,000 to needy churches, reported that 14 churches had received grants totaling \$89,000 during the past fiscal year. Since the Club began, 507 churches have shared in grants totaling \$1,377,100.

There are five social agencies recommended by the Association: 1. Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, providing group and foster homes for children, unwed mother care and counseling, as well as family counseling and adoption. Headquartered in Valparaiso, Indiana, this ministry has service locations in Ankeny, Iowa; St. Louis, Michigan, and Springfield, Ohio; 2. Baptists for Life, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a pro-life organization engaged in educational and direct-action ministries; 3. Michigan Christian Home Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a Baptist home for senior citizens; 4. Regular Baptist Child Placement Agency, also providing child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services; and 5. Shepherd's Baptist Ministries, Union Grove, Wisconsin, a ministry to the mentally retarded. In the '86-'87 fiscal year full-time workers in the five agencies totaled 142 with an additional 56 part-time workers. Income from contributions by individuals and supporting churches totaled \$4.8 million. The number of people served through these agencies this past year totaled 62,008.

The Association recommends the following seven institutions of higher learning: Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and Baptist Bible Theological Seminary,

Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio
Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa
Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Washington
Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida

Western Baptist College, Salem, Oregon
Dr. Gordon Shipp, president of Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary, passed away suddenly on March 26, 1987, as the result of a heart condition. Prior to coming to Faith Baptist Bible College in October 1980 he had pastorates in Farmington, Iowa; Eldora, Iowa; Niles, Illinois, and Flint, Michigan. Dr. Donald Brong has been appointed interim president.

Dr. Ernest Pickering, president of Northwest Baptist Seminary of Tacoma, Washington, has resigned his position with that school and will become a member of the faculty of Baptist Bible Theological Seminary of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. In moving to Clarks Summit, Dr. Pickering returns to the campus where he served as president for nine years.

The schools reported a total of 4,111 students enrolled during the past academic year, and a total of 317 faculty members. The annual combined budget of all the schools was \$29.4 million.

The total number of chaplains is 105, of which 23 are on active duty. The chairman of the GARBC Chaplaincy Commission continues to be Chaplain Ervin Ellison.

Regular Baptist Press, brought into existence thirty-five years ago, now serves over 6,300 churches with Sunday School curriculum materials. In addition, the Press publishes books, Vacation Bible School material and gospel tracts as well as conducting a Sunday School conference ministry.

Merle Robert Hull, executive editor of Regular Baptist Press, treasurer of our Fellowship and editor of the Baptist Bulletin is retiring July 31st after faithfully serving for thirty-three years. His ministry through administration, preaching, writing and godly example has had a far-reaching effect.

The Rev. Vernon D. Miller, of Glen, Illinois, has been appointed by the GARBC Council of Eighteen to be the new executive editor and editor of the Baptist Bulletin. He will assume his post on August 1. From 1963 to 1971 Mr. Miller was editor of Sunday School Papers at Regular Baptist Press.

He left to become director of promotion and public relations with Church Building Associates. In 1979 he purchased the business and formed a new company, Church Building Consultants, Inc. located in Lisle, Illinois. He also served as pastor of four Baptist churches in the 50s and early 60s.

Gospel Literature Services supplies free

literature to missionaries serving under GARBC-approved mission agencies as God provides the necessary funds. Literature was furnished to 24 foreign countries in addition to 32 states in USA for a total of 220,444 pieces with a value of \$139,951. The literature projects completed totaled 887 with 250 missionaries assisted during the fiscal year. Dr. Mark Jackson is the director.

The following men were elected to serve on the Council Eighteen, the administrative arm of GARBC:

Dr. Bryce Augsburger, Romeoville, Illinois

Dr. William A. Brock, State Representative, Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Donald Brong, Interim President, Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa

Rev. James R. Gray, Kansas City, Kansas

Rev. W. Paul Jackson, Cedarville, Ohio

Dr. Jack Jacobs, Westlake, Ohio

Dr. Wendell Kempton, President of Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Rev. J.O. Purcell, Lakeland, Florida

Dr. John White, Jr., Grand Rapids, Michigan, Secretary of the Council*

Council Members elected previously who continue to serve are:

Dr. Ralph G. Colas, Meadville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Charles Alber, Ames, Iowa

Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, Vice-chairman of the Council*

Dr. William Fusco, Sebring, Florida

Rev. Richard Mohr, Rancho Bernardo, California

Dr. David Nettleton, Lakeland, Florida, Chairman of the Council*

Dr. Clay Nuttall, Fruitport, Michigan

Rev. Milo Thompson, President of Baptist Bible College of PA and Baptist Bible Theological Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

This year marked a milestone in the history of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches with the passing of Dr. H.O. Van Gilder. As a man of conviction, he led the Central Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, out of the Northern Baptist Convention, was one of the founders of the Ohio Association, and served as our first National Representative and editor of the Baptist Bulletin.



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The Woman's View

Susan Hayes-Women's Editor

OUR FUTURE EXCELLENT WOMEN

by Mrs. Sharon Floyd

I have really enjoyed this year's theme that the Lord has laid on Susan's heart. We need a strong reminder to commit ourselves to excellence through Jesus Christ. I loved looking back at the past "excellent women" last month and gleaning from their lives. I'd like to open your heart and mind up to our "future excellent women."

Just about 26 year ago, 2 small sisters were huddled together in a small corner Sunday School room. Their parents did not attend church, so they weren't in the "inner circle." They were outsiders in a sea of adults and kids who fellowshipped together on a regular basis. These two little ones had some very special loving Sunday School teachers along the way, but for the most part they were swept away by waves of people who were busy serving the Lord. Most of the other kids had special friends from the church. The church kids usually got the best parts in the Christmas play. Then, God did a wonderful thing - He saved the parents, and they were baptized and joined the church. All of a sudden, they were a part of the "inner circle." What a difference! People invited them over for dinner. The kids in the church invited them to activities in their homes.

So what happened to those 2 sisters? We both married pastors. Little did anyone know that these 2 small "unchurched" kids would end up serving the Lord as pastor's wives. I am thankful for those few who, before my parents were saved, showered me with love and made me feel like I belonged. I am sharing my story with you because I think little ones are still being swept aside while we are busy serving the Lord.

Our church kids are picked for just about everything. They feel secure because their parents belong to the church. Do you ever think about the little girl or boy huddled in a corner Sunday School room in your church? I am not only talking to Sunday School teachers or AWANA workers. Have you ever had an "unchurched child" to your house for dinner? We invited a little girl that we pick up each Sunday over for dinner. During her stay she just kept saying, "I can't believe I'm at your house." As I sat down with her at our piano I prayed, "Lord, please help her never to forget this time and let it be an example of our love to her now." Now her 2 brothers come faithfully and we told them a few weeks ago that we would take them for pizza soon. All of their eyes lit up. One person or couple could not do this for all the children of your church, but if we could all work together, who knows what might happen?

Search these children out each Sunday. Get to know them. I am not suggesting we forget our "church kids", I'm just saying "let's even things up." James talks about this in chapter 2 of his epistle. We shouldn't be respectors of person. We are all guilty of wanting to be with the ones we feel "comfortable" with. James says, "God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom." My sister and I might not have been poor in money, but we were poor in spirit. We needed that love and encouragement from God's people God has burdened me greatly for these little ones. He used my experience to make me realize what they feel. When I see new little ones my mind goes back to that corner Sunday School room and I immediately reach out my hand to a "future excellent woman or man" that God has sent our way. Ask God to lay a little one on your heart to minister to - you'll be glad you did!

(Mrs. Floyd serves the Lord, along with her husband, at Perry Baptist Church in Canton, Oh. She is active in the Sunday School ministry, AWANA, and women's ministries of the church. She also serves as secretary for the Canton Area Women's Fellowship. Her sister, Teresa Boggs, serves at Colonial Baptist Church in New Carlisle, Ohio.)

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AKRON FELLOWSHIP OFF TO GOOD START

A blizzard cancelled the first planned meeting of the Akron Area Women's Fellowship, April 4. But on April 11, all the women registered, plus a few more, totalling 104, met at Brown Street Baptist Church for a noon luncheon prepared by the ladies of that church.

Mrs. Joan Beckett of Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, served as Chairman of the meeting. Mrs. Linwood McCurry, Pastor's wife from New Milford Baptist Church, Rootstown, was in charge of the music.

The theme for the meeting was, "Serving The Lord Whole Heartedly". The ladies of Norton Baptist Church presented a skit, written by Diane Varner of Norton, "You Gotta Have Heart".

Mrs. Marabeth Elmore was the original speaker. Due to illness, the committee invited Miss Sallie McElwain of Baptist Mid-Missions. When the meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm, Sallie could not come the following week, So Mrs. Marcia Elmore filled in. Her message was, "God Wants The Heart, The Whole Heart, and Nothing But The Heart". As she spoke, she gave the definition of the heart as the very core of one's being, the soul. The heart is the place God turns to. She shared that women tend to have difficulty in taking too much care and

FALL LADIES' RETREATS

SCIOTO HILLS September 10, 11, 12

"God's Glorious Gifts" (James 1:17)

Bible Teacher: Mrs. Marcia Elmore (President O.M.W.U.)

Topics: Refocusing on the Giver Reflection and Refinement
Reviewing His Gifts Results of a Full Heart

Missionary Speaker: Joy Spieth (B.M.M. - Brazil)

Special Happenings:

Floral Arranging, Mini Sessions, Buzz Session, Crafts

COST: \$26.00 Please preregister by Aug. 27.

Send **\$5.00** preregistration fee to: Carolyn Kingery
551 Larrick Lane Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

CAMP PATMOS - September 17, 18, 19

"Dare To Be" (Daniel 6:16)

Speakers:

Mary (Brong) Westphal of Yukon, Oklahoma is our speaker and, being an excellent vocalist, she will be singing for us also. Mary has been wheel chair bound due to polio. Regardless, she is a wife and mother and holds a Master's Degree in counseling. She presents a dynamic testimony and message from God's Word with a tender heart.

Activities Include:

Festival of Courage, Crafts, Basket Weaving, Prayer Walk, Lion Taming Sessions.

Cost: \$25.00

Registration fee is \$10.00, nonrefundable but transferable if registration is postmarked by Aug. 13. After Aug. 13, the total cost will be \$28.00.

Registrar: Mrs. Marilyn Evans
7191 Paris Avenue
Louisville, OH 44691

Chairperson:
Mrs. Tommi Pugh

SKYVIEW RANCH - Sept. 24, 25, 26

"Where Can A Woman Turn?"

Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Grace Jackson, pastor's wife from Grace Baptist, Cedarville.

Missionary Speaker:

Mrs. Marilyn Shaffer, church planting in Ohio with B.M.N.A.

Featured Workshops:

Where can a woman turn to determine her priorities?

Where can a woman turn when she is facing stress?

Where can a woman turn when depression overwhelms?

Cost: \$24.00 per person. \$5.00 registration fee by Sept. 1.

Payable to: Miss Becky Durbin c/o Faith Baptist Church
8764 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Chairperson: Mrs. Nancy Jones

SALT FORK - NOVEMBER 12, 13

"Glorifying God"

Speaker: Mrs. Sandi Harner-Professional Writer

Assistant Prof. - Cedarville College

concern for the exterior of their person... "Woman" looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." She brought out from her recent reading, six ways God measures the heart.

Though the Akron Area Women's Fellowship had a difficult time getting the first meeting off the ground, the ladies had an excellent start, their persistence paid off. The next meeting will be in November at Young's Corners Fellowship Baptist Church, Wadsworth, Ohio.

PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, CRAFTS...

Have you run out of ideas for your women's missionary group? Would you like to try some new programs and projects? Do you appreciate practical hand crafts?

Baptist Mid-Missions Women's Department has the answers for you. An information packet is available by writing to:

Miss Sallie McElwain
Assistant Director, Women's
Department
Baptist Mid-Missions
P.O. Box 308011
Cleveland, OH 44130-8011

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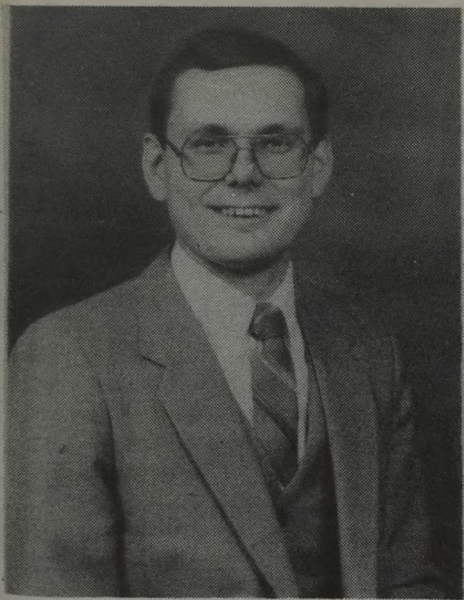
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First Baptist of Findlay Hosts 8th Annual Sunday School Conference



Rev. Don Anderson

Saturday, October 3rd is the date of the Annual Sunday School Conference at First Baptist, Findlay. The conference begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 4:00 P.M. Rev. Don

Anderson, Regular Baptist Press; Rev. Ken Dady, Word of Life; Rev. Joel Harriman, New Richland Baptist Church; Rev. Gus Guthrie, Riley Creek Baptist Church; Mrs. Fay Stevens, Child Evangelism Fellowship and Rev. Richard Pettitt, Pastor of the First Baptist Church will be the workshop leaders. Some of the topics to be offered include: "Where Can I Find Sunday School Teachers?"; "Promoting Missions in the Sunday School"; "Creative Bible Learning for Youth"; "Are You Discipling or Just Teaching?"; "Sunday School Promotions That Work"; and "Building Bridges Not Barriers to Teens".

Pastor Richard Pettitt and the people at First extend their invitation to you to come. Registration can be done by sending \$5.00 per person with your name along with the name and address of your church to:

Sunday School Conference
c/o First Baptist Church
1635 Fostoria Avenue
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Registrations after September 26 is \$5.50. Programs and registration forms are available by contacting the church.

Olympian Award Night at First Baptist - Findlay



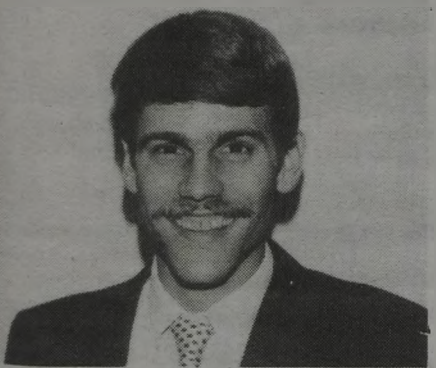
Left to right are Jeremy Moon, Tina Simons, Melissa Misamore, and Joshua Humphrey.

This summer marks the completion of the seventh year that First Baptist Church of Findlay has had the Word of Life Olympian Club. Olympians is a children's Bible Club ministry for grades 1 through 6 which includes Bible teaching, Scripture memori-

zation, Christian service assignments, books, projects, and activities.

The Steadfast Award is given to those children who have completed all six years of the program and pass a final exam over 109 verses. Three children at First Baptist were given this award during the evening service on July 12. They are: Tina Simons, daughter of Bob and Doris Simons; Joshua Humphrey, son of Don and Pam Humphrey, and Jeremy Moon, son of Rich and Paul Moon. Third grader, Melissa Misamore, daughter of Mike and Connie Misamore, was recognized earlier this summer with a plaque for completing the first three years of the six year programs. Tina, Joshua, and Jeremy have along with other six graders now been promoted to the Word of Life Teen club also sponsored by the church pastored by Rev. Richard N. Pettitt.

Ordained at Southgate



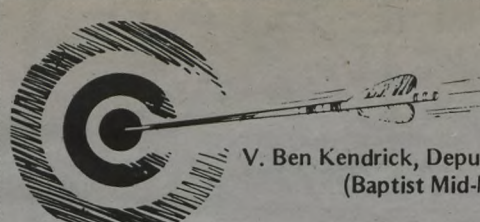
Eric Mounts

The Southgate Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio is pleased to announce the ordi-

nation of Eric N. Mounts to the gospel ministry on Sunday evening, May 31, 1987. Eric has been serving as Assistant to the Pastor in the area of Christian Education for the past two years.

A graduate of Greenon High School, Springfield; Cedarville College (B.A.); and Dallas Theological Seminary (MTh.), he and his wife Andi look forward to a life of church related ministries.

Special speakers for the ordination service included Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College; Dr. Joseph Stowell III, President-elect of Moody Bible Institute and former Pastor of Southgate; and John R. Greening, present Pastor of Southgate. A reception followed the service.



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator
(Baptist Mid-Missions)

WHAT IS GOING ON IN MISSIONS TODAY? This is an interesting question to ask because missions as we know it in Regular Baptist circles may not even resemble what missions is in other circles--Baptist and non-Baptist.

The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Baptist Mission of North America, Evangelical Baptist Mission and Continental Baptist Mission are united in their goal of establishing indigenous Baptist churches worldwide. The primary emphasis of these mission agencies, without any doubt, would be evangelization and church planting. Establishing independent, fundamental, separatist Baptist churches is contagious. Each established church, following the principles laid down in God's Word, will reproduce itself, causing a mushrooming effect. Churches reproduce churches, and that, dear friends, is the purpose and program of missions.

Now as we look at the overall picture of biblical missions as we know it, there are numerous ways to strive toward the biblical goal. Men and women responding to the call of God upon their lives is a very important part of it. Preparing oneself academically is also another vital part. Being sent forth by the local church is a direct response to the teachings of Scripture. Yes, vocational missions with some individuals spending 30, 40, 50 and more years on the mission field is a gigantic building block in the worldwide work of missions.

Adding to the list of missions personnel are those who participate as short-term missionaries. There is no question that many well-established mission works at home as well as abroad have been developed through the help of short-term missionaries. Such ministries as medical, construction, Bible school teaching, MK teaching, MK dorm parents, business offices, etc. have profited greatly through the dedicated work of short-term missionaries. Another group to add to the growing list of missions personnel are those participating in apprenticeship programs. Baptist Mid-Missions has had the unique opportunity of seeing as many as 220 MAPers involved in a summer's ministry. This outstanding apprenticeship program has been very productive as far as full-time missionary candidates. A survey over the past eight years of Baptist Mid-Missions' candidate classes shows that 60.9 percent of the candidates have had previous mission field experience--most of that number coming out of the Missionary Apprenticeship Program.

Another of the apprenticeship programs for Baptist Mid-Missions is the high school program. It is called the Sr.-Hi Teens' Apprentice Missionary Program (STAMP). MAP and STAMP provide adults with the opportunity from high school through college to work with missionaries on the mission fields of the world. Full-time, short-term or being an apprentice represents a vital cog in the machinery of missions.

There are specialized programs that are a definite plus for the cause of missions. Baptist Mission of North America is known for its builders. This group of dedicated people has been used of God to be the blessed answers to the prayers of many local church families. Literally millions of dollars have been saved because of the burden of these missionaries in the area of construction. This much needed ministry certainly finds a high rating in the work of missions as we know and understand it.

Well organized programs such as Women and Missions have added a great deal in its functions for the cause of missions. Women's groups in churches all over the country have been fed how-to-do-it programs to help missionaries. Clothing, food and other supplies have been furnished by these faithful groups. Birthday and anniversary cards, presents for special occasions and just friendly letters are like nuggets of gold to missionaries. Encouraging cards and letters can mean a great deal to anyone away from home. Men for missions of Baptist Mid-Missions is another one of those helpful programs which has contributed to the ministry of missions. Whether it be being active in a work on the field, the Men for Missions program is being used of God in its particular way of helping to carry out the goals of the great commission.

There are, of course, many areas which can be mentioned which in one way or another are associated with missions. If one should ask me what is probably the most vital ingredient in the work of missions, I would without question mention prayer. One who is given to intercessory prayer will also be a person who is desirous to give and to go. One cannot be led by the Holy Spirit in a God-honoring prayer ministry for missions without being willing to participate financially or by responding to the call of God on his or her life.

This, to me, is the kind of missions in which I want to be involved. Reaching out through the open doors, evangelizing the people and training them to reach their own through the establishment of churches, is the foundation of missions. What a privilege to be a small part of it all.

LEARNING MISSIONS BY DOING

Men for Missions

- Organizing men's missions fellowships
- Putting men's abilities to work
- Enlisting prayer warriors
- Undertaking building and other projects
- Supplying urgent needs (parts, materials, finances, etc.)

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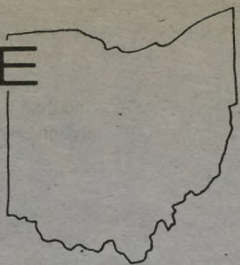
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Happenings

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM YOUR BULLETINS
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON

- Brown Street** **Robert Kuhns, pastor**
June -VBS with Loretta Strock, missionary to France
-Reception for Assistant Pastor Reed
-Sunday School picnic
July -Senior Citizen trip to Niagara Falls
First **Ernest Bloom, pastor**
May -Graduates honored
-Young people conducted evening service
June -VBS
Highview Avenue **Joseph Chapman, pastor**
June -Graduation Sunday/Banquet
-Father/Son Banquet with Rev. Gary Moosey
-VBS, "Growing In God's Way"
-Rev. Dean Henry

AMHERST

- Faith** **Robert Barrett, pastor**
June -Roast Pastor Night
-Womens Missionary Union picnic
-Youth trip to Cedar Point
-Andrew Bishop family, BMM appointees to Italy
Aug. -Sunday School picnic

ASHLAND

- Calvary** **Stephen Worth, pastor**
June -Childrens Day/Special music by Jr. Church/Dinner at the Park/Afternoon Service at bandshell
-Summer Olympics

BEDFORD

- Bible** **William Davis, pastor**
May -Video presentation, "America, You're Too Young To Die"
June -Salad Lunch
-Sunday School Picnic
-Speakers: Randy Chovan/Dave Morrell

BELLE CENTER

- New Richland** **Joel Harriman, pastor**
May -Andrew Bishop, EBM missionary
June -Pastor Harriman to summer school at G.R.B.S.

BELLEFONTAINE

- Calvary** **Barry Grahl, pastor**
June -Father/Son Fish Fry
-Missionaries: Jim Bisset, Kenya/Bob Howder & Pastor Mafuda, Japan/Magdy & Elaine Ghabbour, Arabs in Mich./Rich & Karyn Visser, France
July -Jerry Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
-Dr. Elvin Mattison, Spurgeon BBC
Aug. -Annual Bible Conference with Dr. Allen Griffith
-S.T.E.M. to Jamaica

BEREA

- Berea** **Kenneth Spink pastor**
June -Ladies meeting with Dr. Martha Searly, BMM
-Ophthalmologist in Africa
-Parent/Child Dedication
July -VBS

BERLIN HEIGHTS

- Berlin Heights** **Jack McCullough, pastor**
June "Win A Friend" campaign with the Gary Collins family

BLANCHESTER

- First**
June -Father/Son cook-out and Red's game
-VBS
-Teen inner tubing on the Little Miami

BLUFFTON

- Riley Creek** **Harold Guthrie, pastor**
May -Luis and Janet deMenses, missionaries to Brazil
-Dee and Deb in concert
June -Dale Baker, missionary
-VBS

BROOK PARK

- Mid-Brook** **David Knudson, pastor**
May -"Good-Bye" luncheon for Grace Hendershot, missionary in Arizona

BUCYRUS

- Calvary** **Howard Jones, pastor**
June -50th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Jones
-Luis and Janet deMenses, missionaries to Brazil
July -The Webers, missionaries in Florida

CALDWELL

- New Harmony** **Eric Cuenin, pastor**
May -Gary S pence, family, ABWE appintees to Spain
June -Father/Son Banquet with Pastor Ron Cooper
-Richard Fisher family, BMM appointees to Ivory Coast

CAMBRIDGE

- Grace** **Fred Barrett, pastor**
June -Special meetings with Lawrence Oney

CANTON

- Perry** **Kenneth Floyd, pastor**
July -DVBS, "Building Lives For God"
Whipple Avenue **John Moosey, pastor**
June -Wally and Alice Larson, BMNA missionaries
-Sunday School picnic
July -Alan McGill, Recording artist, in concert

CHILLICOTHE

- Calvary** **Gary Norris, pastor**
June -Open House and Dedication of new building with Dr. and Mrs. William Brock and the Ramsey family in music.
-VBS with the Ramsey family

CLEVELAND

- Cedar Hill** **David Moore, pastor**
June -Appreciation Luncheon for ladies who have served in nursery
-Honored retiring custodian, Frank Sanders
-VBS, "Hallelujah, Jesus is King"
July -Shepherd's Hand Bell Choir
-Youth activities: Picnic/Rafting

- Madison Avenue** **James Hunt, pastor**
June -Shut-in Birthday Luncheon
-Graduation Banquet with Florian Manes
-5th annual strawberry and ice cream social
-George Zinn in concert
July -VBS
-Bus workers picnic

COLUMBUS

- Clintonville** **George Hattenfield, pastor**
May -Neighborhood Bible Clubs Spring Rally and picnic at Blendon Woods

- Immanuel** **William Abernathy, pastor**
June -The Kordics, missionaries to Hong Kong
-VBS

- Maranatha** **Timothy Kenoyer, pastor**
June -Rev. William Moser

- Memorial** **Thomas Wright, pastor**
June -White water raft trip
-VBS, "Building Lives For God" with Vic and Cyndi Millard, missionaries to Haiti
-Carry-in dinner

COMMERCIAL POINT

- Welch Road** **Randall Nelson, pastor**
June -Hotdog Party
-Dr. Marvin Clark
-Heralders from GR School of Bible & Music
Aug. -"Graduation Service" to self-supporting

CUYAHOGA FALLS

- Graham Road** **Larry Engle, pastor**
May -Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet, "How To Grow A Grandmother" with Margaret Wheeler and daughters
-AWANA Awards
June -4's and 5's Sunday School picnic

DAYTON

- Washington Heights** **Larry Fetzer, pastor**
June -VBS/Staff Breakfast
-Teacher Appreciation dinner
July -Sunday School picnic
-Young at Heart Kings Island Trip

DEFIANCE

- Faith** **Warren Lewis, pastor**
June -Dad/Lad Breakfast
July -Fellowship dinner
-Began Backyard Bible Clubs

DELAWARE

- Calvary** **David Culver, pastor**
June -John MacArthur film series, "God's Pattern For Living"
-Graduates Night
-5th & 6th Grade Retreat
July -Sunday School picnic
Aug. -Evening VBS for whole family
-Dan & Kathie Stowell, BMM appointees to Brazil
-Dads/Lads Red's games

DUBLIN

- Fellowship** **Les Newell, pastor**
June -Rev. Bill Moser
-Accepted into G.A.R.B.C.
July -Moved to new meeting place

DUNDEE

- Lakeview** **Robert Veenhuis, pastor**
June -Vic & Cyndi Millard, missionaries to Haiti
-Evening VBS/Adult class, "After You Say I Do"
-Larry Baird, missionary appointee to Uruguay
July
ELIDA **Faith** **Ronald Urban, pastor**
May -Rev. Gerald Phipps, Baptist Children's Home/Film: "Hidden Treasure"
June -Revival services with Rev. Rick Ballach
-Father/Son Banquet with Rev. Max McKanna/Film: "Basics of Bass Fishing"
-Rev. John McKinney

ELYRIA

- Abbe Road** **James Turner, pastor**
June -Rev. David Levy, Field Director of Friends of Israel
-Dr. George Sweeting, President of M.B.I.
-Teen canoe trip
July -Dr. William Brock
Beth-El **Walter Spieth, pastor**
June -Graduates recognized/Fellowship & refreshments
-VBS
July -Linda Russell, BMM missionary to St. Vincent
First **Bradley Quick, pastor**
June -Rev. Joe Mita, missionary to Japan
July -VBS
-Laurine Gullette, BMM missionary to Brazil

FAIRBORN

- Grand Avenue** **Randall Tate, pastor**
June -Child Dedication
-Dr. William Brock, prayer conference
July -Cedarville College Master's Puppets
-Commissioning Service for 5 Haiti Medical Evangelism Team members

FINDLAY

- First** **Richard Pettitt, pastor**
June -Graduation Sunday
-Bruce Brandenburg, BMM missionary to West German
July -Womens Missionary Fellowship picnic
Aug. -VBS
-Sunday School picnic

FOSTORIA

- Fostoria** **David Chapman, pastor**
May -Youth Choir from Calvary, Findlay
-JOY Club picnic
July -Bob Cooley, missionary
Aug. -VBS

GALION

- First**
June -Richard Deal, concert pianist
-VBS with Gospel Artist, Gerald Pasma
July -Farewell dinner for Pastor John and Kay Dantuma, to new pastorate in Michigan

GALLIPOLIS

- Faith** **James Lusher, pastor**
June -Service and pot-luck at Bob Evans shelter with First and Trinity Baptist Churches
-Film: "The God Makers"
July -VBS
-Church picnic

First

- Joseph Godwin, pastor**
June -Father/Son cook-out
-Evening service at Bob Evans shelter house with Faith and Trinity Baptist Churches/Potluck dinner
-VBS, "Building Lives For God"
July -Arlene Spurlock, missionary to Niger/fellowshi9p

GALLOWAY

- Alton Road** **Thomas Waldo, pastor**
June -All Church Family Night
-VBS
-Father/Son outing & Clippers game
July -BMM Day

GRAFTON

- Midview** **Larry Green, pastor**
June -Changed A.M. church time to 10:45
-Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Golf outing
-Mr. Dave Mayo/Mr. Larry Starett
Aug. -All-church picnic

HOMEWORTH

- Mount Pleasant** **R. Lee Grosh, pastor**
June -CAY Whitewater rafting
-Evangelist Randy Chovan
July -VBS

JAMESTOWN

- Shawnee Hills** **Dennis Henderson, pastor**
June -VBS/Mini Musical, "Growing God's Way In The Sunshine Patch"
-Speakers: Mr. Robert Young/Joe Mita, BMM missionary to Japan
-HER Time barbeque
July -Sunday School picnic
Aug. -Country Church picnic and pie baking contest

JOHNSTOWN

- Independent**
June -All-church
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- Faith**
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- Faith**
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- Calvary** **Charles**
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MEDINA

- Chippewa Lake** **Larry**
June -Tupper
-VBS, "For God"
-Joe Mita
July -Sunday

MILLERSBURG

- Millersburg** **James**
June -Youth S
-Skyview
July -Church
-Gospel
-Women
Aug. -VBS

MINFORD

- Grace** **James**
July -Lyle An
-VBS

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- Mogadore** **Robert S**
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July -VBS
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NEW MATAMORAS**Harmony Hill****Drew Walther, pastor**

May -Bea Davis, missionary
June -Dr. David Baker, Gideon
-Pensacola C.C. musical group
-VBS, "Building Lives For Christ"
-Gary Spence, missionary to Spain

NEW MILFORD**New Milford****Jack McCurry, pastor**

June -Charles & Patricia Newman
-Mother/Daughter Banquet, "Walking Down
Memory Lane"
-Pensacola College group
July -Rev. Gene Thompson
Aug. -VBS

NEWARK**Bible****Karl Stelzer, pastor**

June -Les and Kathy Newell, BMNA missionaries
-Cantata, "Jesus Is Coming"

NILES**First****G. Ben Reed, pastor**

June -Father/Son Banquet with Dr. Ben Kendrick
-VBS
-Film: "More Than Conquerors"
July -S.T.E.P. trip to Dixmont, Maine

NORTH JACKSON**Bailey Road****Les Webster, pastor**

June -Father/Son outing
-Kevin and Bar Baus, CBF missionaries
July -Sketch Erickson, artist, musician, commentator
-Annual July 4th picnic

NORTH ROYALTON**North Royalton****Mark Cowell, pastor**

June -Church ice cream social/AWANA picnic
-Missionaries: Craig & Darlene Kordics, appointees
to Hong Kong/Jim & Marisa Lapish, Stony Glen
Camp
July -VBS, "Building Lives For God"
Aug. -All church outing at Geauga Lake
-Loretta Strook, BMNA, France
-Greg Toney in concert

NORTHFIELD**Northfield****Lynn Rogers, pastor**

June -Sunday School picnic
-Evening VBS/Film series: "Evidence For Faith"

NORWOOD**Norwood****Lee Fullmer, pastor**

June -Joe and Nancy Mita, BMM missionaries to Japan
-Dr. David Parker in musical concert

NOVELTY**Faith****Ralph Lenz, pastor**

June -Special Family Day/Music presentation by Rev.
George Zinn/No evening service
July -12th Annual Sovereign Grace Conference with Dr.
Kenneth Good

OBERLIN**Camden****Calvin Searles, pastor**

June -VBS & Program
-Joe Arthur, missionary appointee to Brazil
July -Charlie Fink, missionary to New Zealand
Aug. -Rev. Dave Smith
-Craig & Darlene Kordic, missionaries to Hong Kong
-Ken & Mary Starett, AWANA
-152nd Year Celebration

ORANGE VILLAGE**Bethlehem****John Fleck, pastor**

June -Youth Cook-out/Swimming/Car Wash
July -VBS
Aug. -Sunday School picnic
-Youth to Kings Island

PERRY**Faith****Thomas Stanford, pastor**

June -VBS
-Rev. David Dolin, missionary to Australia
-Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cottingham, missionaries to New
Guinea
-Child Dedication

PICKERINGTON**Berean****George Keith, pastor**

May -Cedarville College Swordbearers
June -Richard Durham, Cedarville College
Aug. -New pews and carpeting

PORTSMOUTH**First Missionary****David Gose, pastor**

May -Dr. Warren Throckmorton
June -Adult Class Banquet
-Father/Son Breakfast
-Sunday School/Church picnic
-Childrens Church outing

Temple**John Gowdy, pastor**

June -Graduate Sunday
-Father/Son Fishing Derby
-VBS, "Building Lives For God"
Aug. -All-church outing

REYNOLDSBURG**Eastbrook****Robert Belt, pastor**

June -Lenny Seidel in concert
-VBS
-Fellowship Dinner
July -BMM missionary teams

SANDUSKY**Calvary****Thomas Townsend, pastor**

June -VBS, "Come and Build Your Lives For God"
-Teen mission trip to Faith Baptist, Matoon
-Family film series, "He Leadeth Me"/"Hidden
Treasure"
-Earl Shaffer, Cleveland Hebrew Mission
July -Family film series, "Bunyan, The Preacher"

SMITHVILLE**Pleasant Hill****Stephen Olsen**

June -Baptist Teen Expedition
July -VBS

SPRINGFIELD**Southgate****John Greening, pastor**

May -Farewell Reception for Edie Phillips, missionary
-Ordination Council and Service for Eric Mounts
June -Summer Youth Ministry for several weeks/divided
into certain grades per week/pre-school day camp

STREETSBORO**Faith****J. Tony Beckett, pastor**

June -Rev. Bill Aiken
Aug. -VBS
-White water rafting trip

STRONGSVILLE**First****Wilbur Parrish, pastor**

June -Began "Focus On The Family" film series
-Strawberry Shortcake sing-along
July -VBS

STRUTHERS**Struthers Tabernacle****Jerry Bell, pastor**

May -Rev. Paul Williams
June -VBS
Aug. -Sunday School picnic

STRYKER**First****Daniel Douglass, pastor**

June -VBS, "Building Lives For God"
-Pastor Mel Keeler

SUNBURY**Grace****Dalvin Cramer, pastor**

May -Mother/Daughter Banquet

TALLMADGE**First****David Henry, pastor**

June -Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gough
July -VBS
-Cedarville College Master's Puppets

TOLEDO**Bethel****Rod Niner, pastor**

June -Outings: WOL Hawaiian Swim Party/Young Married
picnic/SALT Italian Dinner
-Father/Son outing to see Mud Hens game
-Teacher Training meetings with Ellen Lemke
July -Earl Shaffer, BMNA

Emmanuel**Edward Fuller, pastor**

June -Teen Putt-Putt & pizza/Summer spectacular on
Kelleys Island
-Backyard Bible Clubs
July -Patriotic Musicale, "We The People"
-Dr. William Hopewell
-Handbell Choir from Shepherds
-Day of Prayer

Grace**Robert Perry, pastor**

July -Baptist Mid-Missions candidates
-VBS
Aug. -AWANA workshops with Mike Magnuson

TROY**Grace****Charles J. Pausley, pastor**

June -Evening VBS
-Father/Son Fish Fry
-Rev. Ray Dunn, missionary to Jews
July -BMM missionary candidates
-Rev. C.G. Pausley

VAN WERT**Faith****Fred Jensen, pastor**

June -Rev. Gerald Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
-VBS
-Vic Millard, missionary to Haiti
July -Gospel team from BBC/Film: "In God We Trust"/
ice cream social
-Webster & Beverly Frowner, missionaries in Kansas

WADSWORTH**Fellowship****Tim Wright, pastor**

June -VBS/Closing program
-Dave Davis

WARREN**Bethel**

June -45th Anniversary Sunday/Covered dish dinner/Dr.
Paul Van Gorder in special meetings
-Speakers: Dr. Kenneth Amsler/Rev. Carl Smith/
Rev. John Fleck

WELLINGTON**First****David Birch, pastor**

July -Sunday School picnic
-VBS
-Jim Kolar, Word of Life Fellowship

WESTERVILLE**Grace**

June -Neighborhood Bible Clubs
-Youth events: Car wash/Newspaper drive/
"Scrap" collection/canoe trip
-Missionaries: The Brandenburgs/The Vissers
-Graduation Banquet

WESTLAKE**Grace****Jack Jacobs, pastor**

June -Began Backyard Clubs
-Senior High Graduation Banquet
-Parent/Teen Retreat
-Men & Boys Canoe Trip
July -S.M.I.T.E. team left for ministry in Canada

WHEELERSBURG**Whealersburg**

June -Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Smelser, Cleveland Hebrew
Mission

WILLOUGHBY HILLS**Nottingham****Donald McClintick, pastor**

June -VBS, "Grow God's Way"
-Sunday School picnic
-Cubbies Birthday Party
-"Birthday Celebration 1987" Ladies Luncheon with
Norma Nulph
July -Hosted BMM triannual conference

WILLOWICK**First****Donald Leitch, pastor**

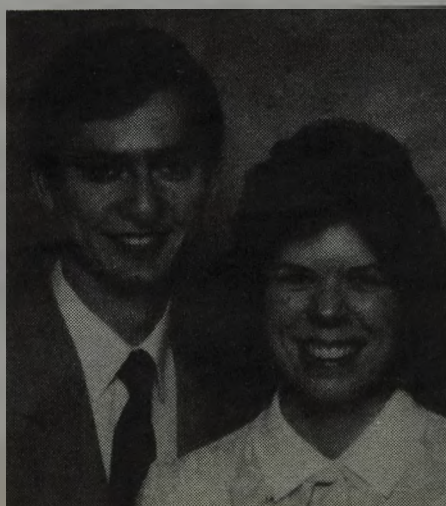
June -Father/Son Banquet with Scott Renstrom/Puppets
-Jolly Jubilean picnic
Aug. -Sunday School picnic

XENIA**Calvary****Wayne Hart, pastor**

May -Mother/Daughter Tea, "When I Look Into The
Mirror"
-VBS Kick-off dinner

YOUNGSTOWN**Boardman****Frank Reynolds, pastor**

June -Teen Cedar Point trip
July -Sunday School contest winners to Cleveland Zoo
Aug. -VBS

Calvary - Byesville Calls Assistant Pastor

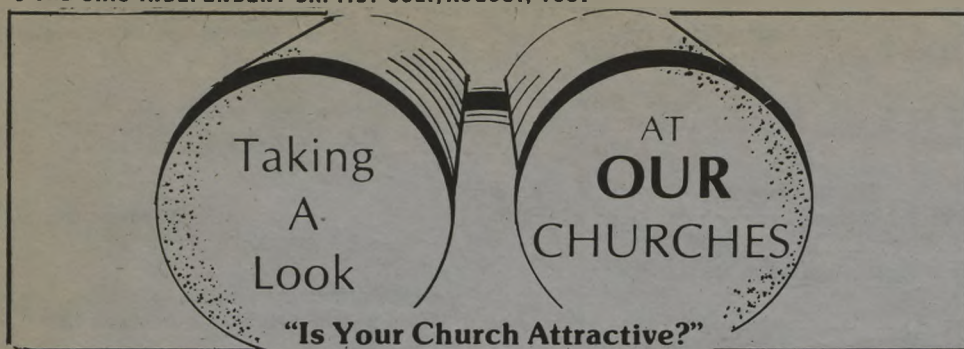
Pastor and Mrs. Gary Jacobs

Calvary Baptist Church, Byesville has called Gary W. Jacobs as Assistant Pastor, with emphasis on Christian Education and Youth. He will begin his ministry on August 1st.

Pastor Jacobs is a 1983 graduate of Cedarville College and 1987 graduate of Grace Seminary. While at Cedarville, he served as vice president of Swordbearers, director of extension teams, and was Youth Director at First Baptist, Athens and First Baptist, Rittman. While in seminary, he was Youth Director of Eel River Community Church of Pierceton, Indiana and served there as the senior pastor during his senior year at seminary.

Mrs. Jacobs is a 1982 graduate of Cedarville College and for the past four years has been teaching Junior High School.

The Jacobs have a daughter, Amy Katherine, born June 27.



My writing this issue is prompted by two or three outside influences. First, my State Representative friend from the State up North. In this monthly writing, he shared on what churches should consider doing for the new pastor coming on the field. He dealt with a number of areas, including the parsonage. Also, I have had recent contacts with pastors who are considering purchasing their own homes in place of living in a church-owned property.

This is a divided subject. Some division is based on the past and tradition and some based on reasons, whether right or wrong. The trend seems to lean toward the pastor owning his own home. This gives him choice, security, equity, and freedom. However, many churches still have parsonages. I am endeavoring not to write pro or con. In many instances churches do not pay much attention to the parsonage and they also do not face reality when it comes to a pastor owning his own home. It would seem reasonable that a pastor would gain by owning his own home for even if he moves to another area, the home can be sold and he will realize some equity that will allow him to purchase another home in his new area. (This is true if he purchased his home at a good price, and if the market appreciates a bit and the home is inviting for resale.)

Most pastors have found this works out well. But I have also found that often as the years progress, that a pastor's housing allowance does not keep pace with the increase of the cost of owning a home. His salary may increase but such increases are absorbed in additional ownership, housing costs. Thus, his salary in actuality is decreasing. The only honest consideration is to increase annual salary plus whatever is considered normal housing cost increase.

Allowing the pastor to purchase his own home is considered an additional benefit as well as security and the privilege of gaining equity toward the years to come and retirement. This may be true if the economy continued stable and the pastor does not make too many moves.

But let's look at the parsonage situation. (And I still like the parsonage idea if it is considered objectively, logically, and purposefully.) Most churches consider the parsonage a benefit to pastor. But is that totally true? If pastor leaves, the church still has a home for its use and pastor has just been living there. I know of pastors who have lived in church-owned homes all their lives and ministry and come to retirement without a place to live (or unable to retire).

A benefit is that which helps and continues with the person whether he stays or leaves. If this is true, then the parsonage is not a benefit because pastor has nothing for his living in the parsonage except for free rent.

But could the parsonage be a benefit to pastor? Yes, very easily if God's people think logically and unbiased. How can you help pastor if he lives in your church-owned home? By setting aside a monthly amount for his living in the parsonage. Let's try to be simple. A home is worth something even as a rental. Once the church purchases a home, as it is paid for, it belongs to the church. Let's start with the church setting aside \$100.00 per month in an interest-bearing savings account. This money really belongs to pastor but he cannot touch it unless and until he leaves the church as pastor. (It is a joint account between pastor and church.) If pastor is called to another field, at that time all the money (including interest) in his parsonage benefit account is given to him. This is his benefit for living in the parsonage. The church still has the parsonage and the pastor has a benefit. (If he purchased a home, we would call it equity.)

Just a bit further with our example. If pastor stayed at the church 10 years and lived in the parsonage ten years and the \$100.00 per month were deposited in the savings account, he would have a minimum of \$17,000.00 (using even a 6% interest figure). Now that is a benefit. I wonder if a pastor with this type of parsonage benefit would rather own his own home or live in a church-owned home?

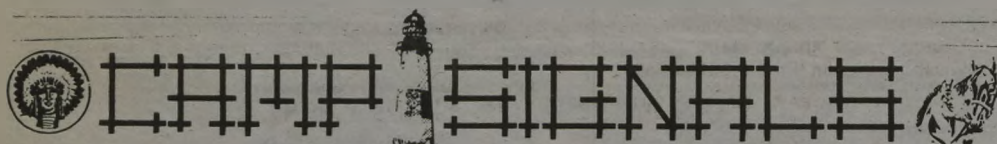
But you must think further. How good a home is your parsonage? Have you maintained it well? Is it repaired before needed? Has it been redecorated? (To pastor and wife's desire?) Or is it like many parsonages, run down, unkempt, and a poor stewardship testimony?

Maybe some of you should take a look at your parsonage. If it is paid for, what should be done to make it attractive and comfortable for pastor and his family?

I am sure most of you have never heard of some of these ideas. Maybe my thinking is too "far out." But let's take a look at where pastor lives, what it costs, and what is best for his benefit and ministry.

(I dare you to consider my example of setting aside \$100.00 per month and then consider a pastor staying 20 years.)

Let's take a look at where pastor lives!



Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

FALL RETREATS

September 24-26 OARBC Women's
October 9-10 Couples - Byron Sherrer
speaking on "Family Bible Study"
October Senior Citizens Days
Tuesday, October 13
Thursday, October 15
Monday, October 26
Tuesday, October 27
Thursday, October 29
Winter Retreats 1988
January 29 -30 Teens
February 5-6 Singles
February 26-27 Teens
March 4-5 Juniors
Spring Men's Retreat 1988
May 5, 6, 7, Dr. Wendell Kempton

All junior weeks at Skyview are filled to capacity -- we still have openings for family camp August 10-15.

Work groups and volunteers needed for Fall projects such as mowing, grounds maintenance, cabin repairs, painting, plumbing, carpentry, and house renovation.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

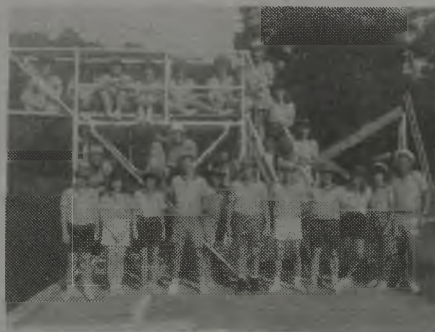


TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Over fifty, "NIFTY" senior citizens attended the Senior Citizens Retreat, May 14 - 16. Due to the fire last March 17, it was the only retreat at the camp this spring - but it was a great one! Dr. James Jeremiah did an excellent job as the guest speaker. As always, his able handling of God's Word and gifted tongue were used of God to bring challenging messages. (Already, ten couples have signed up for next year.)

By the time this article is read, the camp season will be half over. Despite the fire and the seemingly insurmountable task of being ready for camp by June 15, the Lord

enabled and supplied our need according to his vast reservoir of riches in glory by our Blessed Savior. We praise God for the weeks already completed and how God and His people have met urgent needs. The temporary dining hall and kitchen facilities are working out well. Please pray that the new, permanent dining hall will begin to be built by this Fall.



Four more weeks of summer camp remain: July 13-18 (Jr. Hi); July 20-25 (Jrs. - Full); July 27-August 1 (Jrs.); August 3-8 (Family). there are still openings in three of the four weeks. Just a reminder to the ladies and couples. Our ladies retreat will be September 10-12 and our couples retreats, September 25-26 and October 2-3. There's still time to register for these. Call (614) 778-2273 or write the camp (Route 6, Box 84, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694) for information. We covet your continued prayers and participation.

As we must account for every idle remark, so must we account for every idle silence.
Franklin

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Resolutions Passed at B.A.R.B.C. Annual Conference - June 22-25 - Ames, Iowa

#1 THE PRIMACY OF PREACHING

WHEREAS the theme of the 56th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is "The Year of Great Preaching", and
WHEREAS our movement has always been characterized by the emphasis of preaching, and the training of our men for the ministry in our schools has highlighted pulpit skills; and
WHEREAS there has been a deemphasis on the ministry of preaching in some circles, with the pulpit being replaced rather than being augmented by films, concerts, entertainment and seminary style presentation; and

WHEREAS the Scripture clearly teaches the primacy of preaching as it relates to the cross, the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:18; 9:16) and holy living (Titus 2:15);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, on June 22-26, 1987, reaffirm our confidence in and obedience to the instruction of Scripture as to the place of preaching in our churches and that it continue with clarity, courage and authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully pursue the ministry of the pulpit with adequate preparation of the mind, heart and life as to elicit the power and blessing of our God as we put first things in place to obey God's Word which commands us to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2), and in doing so, be sure we utilize the "whole counsel of God" as our authority in all matters.

#2 DR. GORDON L. SHIPP

WHEREAS Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary is an approved educational agency with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches; and

WHEREAS Dr. Gordon L. Shipp has served capably as president of that institution since October 31, 1980; and as an active member of the Council of Eighteen, the board of trustees of Shepherds Baptist Ministries and other valuable leadership roles within the GARBC; and

WHEREAS he had been scheduled to participate actively as the morning Bible speaker at the 56th Annual Conference of the GARBC; and

WHEREAS Dr. Shipp has had a significant and lasting impact on scores of fellow Christians across this Fellowship due to his twenty-five years of pastoral experience in four GARBC churches and seven years of godly leadership at Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22-26, 1987 do hereby give tribute to the vivid memory of Dr. Gordon Shipp, who was promoted to Glory on March 26, 1987; and commit ourselves to faithful prayer support for, and sympathy to, Mrs. Norma Shipp, her children and grandchildren, as well as the students, faculty, staff, administration and board of directors of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary during these days of great loss and sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will prayerfully strive to continue in pursuit of his goals and ideals for the future of our association, which include a strong emphasis upon education, a compassion to preach the Word of God soundly and stand valiantly upon our historic baptistic principles and distinctives.

#3 LOCAL CHURCH INTEGRITY IN VIEW OF "ELECTRONIC CHURCH" SCANDLE

WHEREAS Scripture teaches the primacy of the local church where all things are done decently and in order for the glory of God (Revelation 2-3; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Corinthians 14:40); and
WHEREAS the technical advancements that have been mightily used for the spread of the gospel have brought added temptations for the glorifying of individuals who have proved unworthy of the honor heaped upon them; and

WHEREAS in the eyes of the world the testimony of Christ and the integrity of the church as a whole have suffered due to the indiscretion and lack of decency of a few;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, on June 22-26, 1987, do hereby call upon all Christians within our Fellowship to set the example for Scriptural integrity through moral purity, ethical uprightness and renewed missionary zeal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon those who name the name of Christ to support the local church through careful stewardship of time, talents and treasure. We call upon those churches extending their ministry through the use of the electronic elements of the age to carefully weigh the responsibilities that accompany privilege, lest the end result be harm rather than help for the cause of Christ.

#4 PORNOGRAPHY AND SEXUAL PROMISCUITY

WHEREAS Scripture teaches a one man, one woman sexual relationship, and that within the confines of marriage (Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:5-6; 1 Corinthians 7:2); and

WHEREAS the Word of God condemns the practice of looking with sexual desire upon persons other than one's own husband or wife, calling it adultery (Matthew 5:28); and

WHEREAS those who claim to be children of God through a "born again" experience are commanded to abstain from every manifestation or kind of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22); and

WHEREAS evidence abounds that our beloved country and much of the professing church have departed from these teachings and are now reaping the God-ordained consequences of debauchery, AIDS and other debilitating diseases pornography and sexual promiscuity have sown;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, on June 22-26, 1987, do hereby call upon our pastors to preach Biblical morality from the pulpits of our churches, and to be an example of such before their flocks (1 Timothy 4:12); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon governmental leaders to give serious attention to the Meese Committee Report on Pornography, taking actions necessary to the curbing of this plague in our land, while setting personal standards of public decency and abstinence in sexual conduct outside marriage.

#5 MISSIONS

WHEREAS our Lord commanded His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15); and

WHEREAS THE General Association of Regular Baptist Churches has long had a fine record of missionary commitment, regularly averaging approximately twenty percent of its total giving to missions; and

WHEREAS it is now predicted that one-half (fifty percent) of the missionary force will be retiring by 1994, and for every four missionaries retiring we will be replacing only one at our present rate of recruitment; and

WHEREAS we face an ever-increasing world population, with an estimated 1.2 billion more people by the end of the century, for a total world population in excess of 6 billion souls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22-26, 1987, declare our concern for the increasing need for world evangelism and encourage our churches to reaffirm their commitment to the important task of preaching the gospel to every creature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we endeavor to increase our level of giving to missions and to encourage our congregations to consider the claims of Christ upon our lives as possible missionaries, both at home and abroad;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches to support our approved missionary agencies, thus enabling us to reproduce ourselves in mission churches, both at home and abroad.

#6 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS Iowa, our host state, has experienced challenges to religious freedom; and a majority of those states ministered to by our churches have also felt encroachment by the state with challenges in legislature and litigation, including the incarceration of some servants of the Lord; and

WHEREAS we have observed the worldwide movement of humanism now overtly opposed to the religious freedom we hold so dear, including the brutal treatment of our brethren in Communist countries; and

WHEREAS the direction of our own government has accelerated toward the limiting of our own ministries, and in this climate compromise is a constant obstacle to the ministry of the gospel by our local churches, in that seasoned observers believe greater restrictions are coming.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22-26, 1987, recognize anew and afresh the Biblical baptistic principle of separation of church and state (Romans 13:1-7), and that we stand in the footsteps of our forefathers who were willing to sacrifice life and property to preserve the precious heritage of religious liberty (GARBC literature item No. 11); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will obey the Scripture in that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1-1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will bear up our brethren who suffer under the cruel hand of rulers who fear neither God nor man (Luke 18:1-8), and that we will not fear to witness to all mankind, regardless of his position, the liberty that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord as we exercise that freedom in the ministry of our local churches

#7 MERLE R. HULL

WHEREAS our fellow servant, Merle Robert Hull, is approaching a well-deserved retirement as executive editor of Regular Baptist Press, and is therefore laying aside the mantle of his many responsibilities, including treasurer of our Fellowship and editor of the Baptist Bulletin; and

WHEREAS he has faithfully served our Fellowship for some thirty-three years, beginning in Dayton, Ohio, and then in small downtown Chicago offices with five employees to the present ministry, facilities and staff at the Schaumburg location; serving an ever-expanding constituency of more than 6,300 churches; and

WHEREAS Shirley Hull has served as his faithful and devoted wife in the ministry of their home as well as the mutual work at Regular Baptist Press;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22-26, 1987, do express our deep gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Hull for their ministry to our Fellowship, and express to God our thanksgiving for His effective use of His servants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do honor God as we recognize the far-reaching effect of Dr. Hull's ministry through administration, preaching, writing and godly example; and we join his fellow workers as Schaumburg in rejoicing with great respect for his high standard of ministry and the deep relationship of love between us that will encourage us until we gather in glory.

#8 CHAPLAINCY

WHEREAS THE United States government has established a military chaplaincy to meet the spiritual needs and rights of our armed forces personnel; and

WHEREAS not all the various religious bodies eligible are able to provide chaplains requested of them to meet the spiritual needs of these personnel; and

WHEREAS our servicemen and servicewomen constitute one of the neediest and most crucial mission fields in the world today, frequently separated from family and friends, regularly risking dangers and occasionally serving in hostile areas (as the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf) in the important task of ensuring our freedoms and justice;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, on June 22-26, 1987, declare our appreciation for the more than 3 million men and women serving our country in the active and reserve armed forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our young men interested in full-time ministry for Christ to consider seriously the military chaplaincy, giving the matter their earnest prayer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches to support financially the Chaplaincy Commission's work and faithfully pray for the chaplains representing our Association, considering their ministry an inclusive part of our missionary outreach

#9 DR. H. O. VAN GILDER

WHEREAS a pioneer leader, the dignified statesman Dr. H.O. VanGilder, has been gathered with the saints in Glory, having finished his course of nearly eighty-nine years of sojourn on earth; and

WHEREAS he served as the first National Representative of our Association in the Chicago office and as editor of the Baptist Bulletin; and as a man of conviction lead the Central Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, out of the Northern Baptist Convention and was one of the founders of the Ohio Association; and

WHEREAS this leader with impressive appearance served as musician, pastor, expositor, scholar and college president while demonstrating commitment and concern and was known for his warm heart and humor, vision and burden for souls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22-26, 1987, do express our gratitude to God for such dedication, leadership and courage while we call upon seasoned leaders to hold high the standard of the Word of God and encourage our younger preachers to follow such a godly example; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we remember faithfully in prayer Dr. VanGilder's surviving family, and encourage each other to stand firm in faith until that hour when we shall be rejoined in everlasting fellowship with him throughout eternity.

MEN FOR MISSIONS CHALLENGE

The mailbox at the Baptist Mid-Missions' Home Office is bringing all kinds of encouraging communications from men in the churches all across America. The following are samples from letters received by Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of the MEN FOR MISSIONS program.

From Pennsylvania - "Your MEN FOR MISSIONS is about the most exciting possibility to happen in missions in a long time. I would like to start this in our church. Would you please send me the eight brochures and two dozen placemats. Put me on your mailing list for "The Volunteer"."

From Texas - "I have just read about the MEN FOR MISSIONS program. I have been looking for something to get my men involved and concerned for others. Would it be possible for you to send me all the information you have on this program?"

From Washington - "In the mail today, I received a newsletter that was of great interest to me. It was titled, "MEN FOR MISSIONS Newsletter." It was very exciting to read of how God is using men and women to further His gospel."

From Ohio - "Six groups of men, all responding to MEN FOR MISSIONS meetings, have been lined up this Spring, and several more have expressed interest. Several individuals have helped as well. I'm pleased to note that thus far many groups are planning to supply both labor and materials."

From New York - "I am interested in challenging our men to do more for the work of missions. Could you please send me 25 copies of the "Missionary Supply Room" brochure so that I might give them out to our men."

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CEDARVILLE GRADS TEACH IN CHINA

Continuing an agreement with People's University in Beijing, China to provide teachers of English, Cedarville College will send three recent graduates to teach in the university during the 1987-88 school year. The three were selected on the basis of their academic and leadership qualifications.

Serving with Cedarville's English in China Institute (E.I.C.I.), Susan Dean, Diana Lichtensteiger, and Eddie Clifford, will begin orientation sessions August 1 under the direction of Myron Youngman, who is staff coordinator for E.I.C.I. Youngman has taught in China for the past four years.

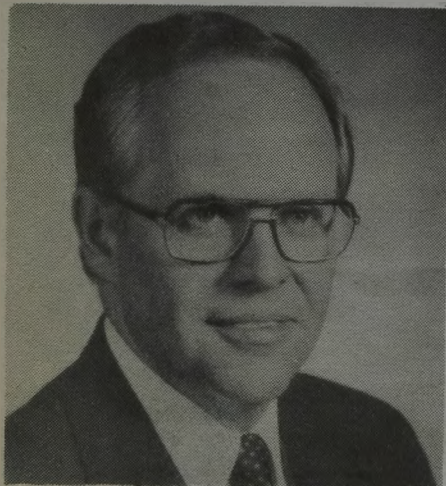
An English-Secondary Education major and 1987 graduate of Cedarville College, Susan Dean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dean of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Diane Lichtensteiger graduated in Business Administration in 1986 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lichtensteiger of Wren, Ohio. Clifford, a 1986 English graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clifford, of LaGrange, North Carolina.

The agreement with Peoples was finalized in 1986 and stated that Cedarville is to supply English teachers to the university over a three year period. Cedarville graduates Julie Prentice and Sharon Rawson joined Youngman in the project this past school year. Seventy-five Chinese honor students take part in the program to improve their speaking ability in the English language.

CEDARVILLE CONFERS HONORARY DOCTORATES

During the 91st annual commencement exercises, Cedarville College graduated its largest class and conferred two honorary doctorates. Recipient of the Doctor of Divinity degree was Milo Thompson, eighth president of Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Dr. Clifford Johnson, Academic Vice President of Cedarville College, received the Doctor of Humanities degree. Cedarville president Dr. Paul Dixon addressed the 400 graduates and an audience of 3,000.

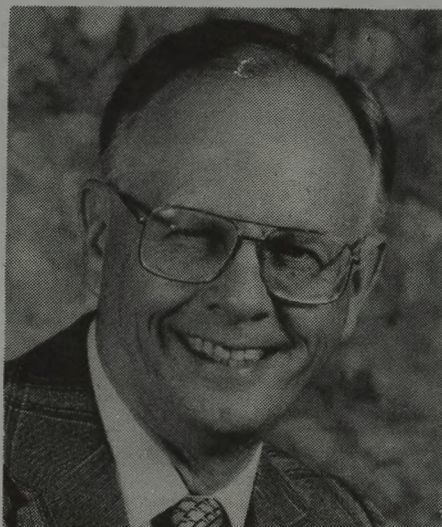
Theresa Palmer, a biology/premed major from Hibbing, Minnesota, received The Faculty Scholarship Award. The President's Trophy winners were Lisa Tyson, an English major from Elmira, New York, and Jeff Beste, a Mathematics major from Mt. Vernon, Indiana.



Milo Thompson served as interim president for the Baptist Bible College and Seminary and as chairman of the Board of Trustees before becoming president. He pastored churches in New York State and Pennsylvania and served as State Representative of the Empire State Fellowship

of Regular Baptist Churches. A member of Council of Eighteen of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, he has also served on the State Association Councils for his body in New York and Pennsylvania. He is also on the board of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, several Christian camp boards, and has had an itinerant preaching ministry.

A graduate of Bob Jones University, Thompson is listed in the 1985 "Who's Who in Religion." He and his wife Beverly are the parents of seven children.



Dr. Clifford Johnson has served 23 of his 25 years of service at Cedarville College as the chief academic officer. A native of Tacoma, Washington, and a veteran of World War II, he holds degrees from Western Washington State University and the University of Washington. In 1962, he came to Cedarville College to become registrar and director of admissions, then served as chairman of the Teacher Education Department before accepting the position of academic dean in 1964.

During his tenure, Johnson restructured the teacher education program in order to effect state certification. He was instrumental in securing accreditation for the College and in introducing many new programs, the most recent being nursing. When he became academic dean in 1964, the college offered 15 academic majors and special programs to an enrollment of 600 students. Presently the College lists 44 majors and special programs for over 1800 students. Johnson has encouraged study abroad programs and extension courses from the college in other cities.

In the fall, Johnson will leave his present position to become Assistant to the President at Cedarville.

His co-workers cite his positive, optimistic attitude and his promotion of a wholesome administration-student relationship.

Clifford and Eunice Johnson have two children and three grandchildren.

Western Baptist College

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ACADEMIC DEAN APPOINTED AT WESTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE

Dr. William J. Katip has accepted the position of Academic Dean at Western Baptist College. He was chosen following a year-long search by the administration and faculty of the College.

Dr. Katip is a graduate of Grace College, Indiana (B.A.), Purdue University (M.S.), and Michigan State University (Ph.D.). In

addition to teaching psychology for nine years at Grace College, Dr. Katip has held administrative positions in admissions, financial aid, and student services. For the past four years Dr. Katip has served as Dean of Students at Grand Rapids Baptist College in Grand Rapids, MI.

Dr. Katip plans to assume his responsibilities at Western Baptist College in mid-July. He and his wife, Debrah, have two sons.

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES DEGREE GRANTED TO

SOPHIE GERDES JENISTA

In recognition of her life of service, the trustees of Western Baptist College were pleased to bestow upon Sophie Gerdes Jenista the degree of Doctor of Humanities during their commencement on June 6, 1987.

Mrs. Jenista and her husband, Frank, were appointed in 1948 by the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism to serve as missionaries in China. After the communist revolution closed China to missionaries, the Jenistas served in the Philippines, Australia, Hong Kong, and Papua, New Guinea. In her efforts to reach the peoples of those lands with the Gospel, Mrs. Jenista has studied Spanish, Cantonese, Ilongo, Tagalog, and Paupua New Guinea Pidgin. She has served as teacher, counselor, public speaker, and--with her late husband--evangelist and church planter.

Wendell W. Kempton, President of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, writes, "Sophie has been especially gifted by God to be a multi-faceted person. This blessing enabled Sophie to be a special mother, wife, public speaker, counselor, missionary, a confidant to national leaders, a sincere Bible student, a seeker of souls, and a person who is steadfast in spirit. Sophie has the ability to minister faithfully and fruitfully among many different peoples in the world...She has served the Lord with gladness, and has touched thousands of people with the message of Christ. She is one of those rare individuals who had many roles in life, and maintained all of them with balance and joy."

WESTERN HONORS ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Western Baptist College has announced that Ruth Anne Nichols has been chosen Alumna of the year. Miss Nichols graduated magna cum laude from Western Baptist College in 1961. In addition to receiving her elementary teaching credential through California State College, she has earned a Master of Arts degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University, and a Master of Arts degree in New Testament from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary.

In 1965 she was appointed by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society for Service in Argentina. She taught four years at Cerrillos, Salta, Argentina, followed by seven years at Hogar Bautista. Her work at Hogar Bautista gave her a special burden for the Guarani tribespeople who were not being taught in their own language. Miss Nichols studied the Guarani language and developed a literacy program for the women and simple Bible course emphasizing illustrated Bible memory verses. She also helped organize a Spanish language Women's Study Retreat to help the more capable women grow in their knowledge of Scripture and in the ability to teach others.

It is a great honor to Western Baptist College to recognize Ruth Anne Nichols as Alumna of the Year.

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FABER RETIRES

Nearly 200 people attended an April 30 banquet in honor of Dr. Warren Faber, vice president, who retires this spring after thirty-six years with the college. Family, friends, co-workers and some former students were in attendance in the dining commons as the theme of "hats" was developed in recognition of the variety of responsibilities Dr. Faber has fulfilled since he began his employment with the school. Among those roles were positions such as professor, dean of the college, acting dean of the seminary and vice-president. He has had an active role in the planning of many of the expansions the institution has seen through the years.

Upon leaving the college, Dr. Faber will be available to help educational institutions and churches through his newly formed consulting service, ASSIST. He will also be busy doing pulpit supply and conference speaking.

45th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

The Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary held its 45th Annual Commencement exercises on May 8th and 9th. Faculty and administration joined 114 college and 74 seminary graduates. Retired vice-president, Dr. Warren Faber, spoke at both ceremonies.

In the College, students graduating with academic honors were Kevin Webb, earning the first honor graduate position, and Mark Schutter, the second honor position. Divisional awards were presented to Cathy Hamilton, Rachel Carroll, Peter VanKleeck, Fred Frazee, Sherry Crummel, Kevin Webb, Bonnie Wells and Jim Eppink. Campus awards went to Bill Wolf, Cliff Washburn and Rich Newberry. Eight students received the Associate of Applied Science degree; two, the Associate of Religious Education degree; eighty-four, the Bachelor's degree; six, the Bachelor of Music degree, and fourteen, the B.R.E.

The seminary Dean's Award went to James Dahl with a cumulative grade point average of 3.901. First honor students in the seminary were Joan Schweiger Aronson, Don Matheny, Jim Dahl and Tom Koning. Also recognized were Brad Brandt, Doug Phillips, Tim Hoganson, Tom Vandenberg, Randy Douglass, David Sims, Richelle Howard and Tim Bos. The Master of Divinity degree was awarded to 24 seminarians; the Master of Religious Education, to fourteen; the In-Ministries M.R.E., to twenty-seven; Master of Theological Studies, to eight and the Th.M to one.

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REV. HAROLD MILLER RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

An honorary doctor of divinity degree was conferred by Baptist Bible College and Seminary during commencement exercises on May 8. The degree was awarded to Rev. Harold Miller, one who has gained his greatest reputation in Christian service by founding the Campus Bible Fellowship of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Dr. Miller graduated from Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, New York, and continued his education at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Presently pastoring the Grace Baptist Church of Coralville, Iowa, this brother has served the Lord faithfully in other capacities as pastor, missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions, Board member of Grand Rapids Baptist College, and adjunct instructor at Faith Baptist Bible College.

He is held in the highest esteem by fellow pastors and regarded very highly by his missionary co-workers. He and his wife were recipients of the Alumni of the Year Award of Baptist Bible College in 1986.

Known by thousands of college students, he has been responsible for over 200 of them going to Bible Colleges and seminaries to train for Christian service.

He and his wife Patricia are the parents of five children, and he has been noted to be a fine husband as well as good father.

In consideration of his exemplary life, his Christian character, and his outstanding Christian service, Baptist Bible College and Seminary honored Rev. Miller with the doctor of divinity degree.

GOLDEN HEIRS CONFERENCE HELD AT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

"A little taste of Heaven" is how one participant described Baptist Bible College and Seminary's third annual Golden Heirs Conference. Many senior saints left speaking enthusiastically about the "best yet" conference on June 1-4. This number reflects a continued increase from the last two years as conference participants bring additional friends each year.

What makes this conference so special? It is designed to minister to senior saints. Good speakers with relevant topics combined with good music, great food, and wonderful fellowship. The conference keynote speakers were Dr. David Moore, pastor of Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, spoke on God's ability, faithfulness, and grace; Dr. Harry Zemmer, surgeon, former missionary and publisher of articles on health in the senior years, presented three sessions on health in the older years including the final "Ask Any Health Question" open forum session. Pastor Jim Vogel of the First Baptist Church in Johnson City, New York, spoke from I John 3 on the believer's present position and responsibilities in respect to the future.

Baptist Bible College and Seminary personnel also presented topics or participated in workshops for the senior saints. Dr. Rembert Carter spoke on "The Affect of Christianity Upon the Arts." Miss Cheryl Fawcett and Rev. Floyd Drake conducted workshops on "Getting More Out of Your Bible Studies." Miss Alyce Fitch pre-

sented a workshop on colors. Mr. James Lytle got the conference off to a rousing start in Psalm 124, preaching God's deliverance and Mr. Tom Trussler conducted a session on estate planning.

BBC&S' Rev. and Mrs. Floyd D. Drake, Sr., were the conference host and hostess. John and Jackie Mitchell, of Vincentown, New Jersey, served exceptionally well as music director and pianist. Recreation directors were Zac and Doretta Wilcox.

Every year, many participants leave the conference saying "see you next year"; we hope to see you, too. The conference keynote speakers will be the Elgena twins, Drs. Kenneth and Carl. Contact the college if you desire information on next year's conference.

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY ANNOUNCES FALL 1987 MONDAY-TUESDAY AND EVENING COURSE SCHEDULE

Registration for the Fall 1987 Monday-Tuesday and evening courses at Baptist Bible Seminary is open to pastors, missionaries, and other Christian workers desiring to continue their education without leaving their present positions. These Monday-Tuesday and evening courses meet once a week for fifteen weeks.

Monday-day courses being offered are Personal Evangelism, Pastoral Counseling, Principles of Church Growth. Courses meeting Monday evenings will be Elements of Greek, Elements of Hebrew, and Contemporary Theological Issues.

The Spiritual Life Class will meet Tuesday afternoon with Acts, Elements of Greek and Element of Hebrew meeting Tuesday evening.

The College Hospitality House is available for those desiring to stay overnight.

More information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Howard Bixby, Seminary Director, 538 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411.

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FOOD SERVICES/CATERING AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Food Services/Catering Department of Faith Baptist Bible College & Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa, has been awarded first place in the NACUFS (National Association of College and University Food Services) Dining Awards Contest. They competed in the Catering - Standard Menu Category for Small Schools. The Department was judged on the variety and creativity of their menu, their marketing and merchandising techniques, and creativity for the presentation of foods, garnishes, table set-ups and other arrangements for an excellent catered event.

By placing first in the small schools category, they are now competing against the medium and large school winners--the University of California in Los Angeles and the California State University at Chico. This will determine the Grand Prize Winner who will be recognized and awarded at the NACUFS National Conference in Boston on July 2, 1987.

Faith's Food Services/Catering Department serves an average of 2,100 meals per week to those on the campus as well as 1,400 more meals per week through the catering service. The organization has a reputation for quality, good service and consistency.

"Quality is our mainstay..." declares Mr. Terry Waltersdorf, director of Food Ser-

THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

The Picnic Basket



It was Bobby and Suzy's last day on Uncle Ed's farm. Aunt Tracy had packed a picnic lunch in a big basket and had covered it with a red checked cloth.

"Mmmmm, what's in the basket?" Bobby wanted to know. "I'm really hungry."

Aunt Tracy smiled. "You'll have to wait and see," she said. "No peeking!"

"What if it is something I don't like?" Suzy said. Aunt Tracy frowned a little, then smiled.

"The basket is full of many things that are good for you. I am sure that you will like some of the things I have packed."

Bobby, Suzy, Uncle Ed, and Aunt Tracy climbed into the truck and headed for the lake. Suzy enjoyed seeing all the farms. Bobby liked to see the hay in neat bales on the field and piled high on the wagons.

When they got to the lake, Uncle Ed carried the picnic basket to a shaded spot under a big tree. Aunt Tracy spread a cloth on the ground.

"Now we will see what we are going to get to eat," Suzy said.

"Yes you will," Aunt Tracy answered. First she uncovered the plates, forks, and napkins. Bobby and Suzy set them around on the cloth.

Aunt Tracy took out a basket of chicken.

"Yummy!" Suzy squealed.

Then Aunt Tracy placed a large bowl of lettuce salad on the cloth.

"Do I have to eat any of that?" Bobby asked.

Aunt Tracy nodded. "I think you should. It has lots of good things in it to help you grow strong."

Suzy laughed. "You sound just like Mommy," she said.

"That's because your mother and your aunt only want what is best for you," Uncle Ed said. He took a large bowl from the basket and uncovered it.

"That potato salad looks good," Bobby said, "but do I have to eat the celery in it?"

"Celery is good for you," Suzy said.

Aunt Tracy smiled at Suzy and took a large white box from the basket. She lifted a big chocolate cake from it.

"Mmmmm, that's what we like!" Bobby and Suzy said together.

"I told you that you would like some of the things in the basket. I guess you just have to trust me to do what is best for you."

Our lives are a lot like the covered picnic basket. Only God know what's "packed inside" our lives. We do not like some of the things that happen to us, but God allows some "difficult" things to help us grow and to teach us to trust Him more.

We do not know what is planned for us, but we can trust God who does know.

The Bible says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;"

Proverbs 3:5

vices/Catering. Under his guidance, the FBBC&S Food Services embarked on a new venture of catering in 1981. Today its reputation and quality is well-known as it continues to serve those in the greater Des Moines area.

FBBC&S ANNUAL CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Annual Church Music Workshop will be held Saturday, September 12, 1987, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This year's theme is "The Ministry of Music in the Local Church," emphasizing practical help for all church musicians. The registration fee is \$25 which includes a music packet. A registration fee of \$10 is available to those who wish to attend but do not want the music packet. Both prices include the noon meal. Please register by September 1.

African President Orders Bibles for His Country's Leaders

The president of the Central African Republic has ordered that all of the leaders in the country, including the village chiefs, receive Bibles. He said to the officials that the Bibles were to be used "as a guide for you to rule and instruct the people."

In writing of this most unusual event, Baptist Mid-Missions veteran missionary, Patsy King, said, "Some places, the village chiefs were called to our Baptist churches for presentation; others were called into the Court House or to some other public office."

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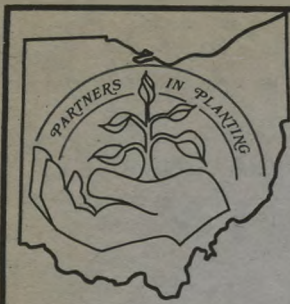
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The Great Commission: People or Places

In our efforts to fulfill the Great Commission, missionaries have been sent to nearly every country of the world. But one oversight may be short circuiting our efforts to evangelize. Is the Great Commission referring to people or to places?

If the Great Commission refers to places, we could do well to pursue a "balanced missions program" of adding new missionaries until we have one in each country or each continent. And why support home mission when we already have churches to evangelize Americans?

Two questions will help us clarify this point.

Does "disciple all nations (panta ta ethne)" refer to our modern day nation-states, such as Afghanistan, Bolivia, or Chad, or to the families of mankind: each tongue, tribe, caste, social and economic unit?

The latter would be in line with the Promise of Faith given to Abraham. In Genesis 12:1-3 God, referring to the promised Seed, said, "in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Our modern nation-states did not exist in the days of Christ. We also find that modern political boundaries divide common tribes and peoples among different countries.

Is the Great Commission, found in Acts 1:8, referring to terms of distance and geography or to cultural differences when Jesus states, "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth?"

Often we hear the modern analogy, "Columbus, Ohio, Indiana, the whole world." In terms of cultural differences, it would be: Jerusalem - evangelize those in our own home town through the growth of old and the multiplication of new congregations. Judea - evangelize those near neighbors who are related to us by blood, culture, and history. Samaria - evangelize those who are politically a part of our nation and share in many of the same traditions and language, but who are culturally different in terms of background, religion, and origin. Uttermost parts of the earth - evangelize those who we must intentionally send others to because of terms of great distance in geography and culture.

The early church in Judea missed the implications of the Great Commission. Some of their neighbors were Sadducees and upper class Jews, some were Italian, there as the army of occupation, some were pagan Arab merchants, and some were Greek. The churches were extremely successful in winning the Hebrew masses, who, like the apostles, were "ignorant and unlearned." But they were not very successful in reaching the scribes, Pharisees, and the rulers of the people. They were even less successful in reaching the non-Jew, even though they lived in the same villages and spoke the same language, and the Samaritans, a culturally similar yet distinct group. The Book of Acts records the special bridges God provided to reach these people.

The 1980 Census documented the existence of 51 distinct ethnic groups in the state of Ohio. They included Hmongs,

Ukrainians, Hungarians, Amish, Hispanics, and blacks. What bridges has God given us to reach these groups, as well as others in our own?

Is the Great Commission people or places? It is both. Christ asked us to plant churches among every people in all places, so that every creature can hear the Gospel.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STATE
FAITH. Bolivar, Floyd Stanfill (BMNA) The church is rejoicing in a recent salvation decision, 5 baptized, and several families considering joining the church. Highland Hills Baptist Church of Grand Rapids MI will help them with V.B.S.

CHARDON. Chardon, Ross DeFelice (CMB) Chardon graduated to self support status on May 31. Missionary Ross DeFelice has accepted the pastorate of Bible Baptist Church, Kirtland, a rescue work under CBM. Pray as Chardon seeks a pastor.

FELLOWSHIP. Dublin, Less Newell (BMNA) The Newells have purchased a home outside of Dublin. The church has been receiving 160-250 new-move-names monthly, help is needed to follow them up. Now meeting in a new more convenient location.

GRACE. Port Clinton, Howard Reed (CBM) Grace is completing the finishing touches on their new building. They've been notified they have been granted \$7,000 from the Baptist Builder's Club.

CLEARCREEK. Springboro, John Street (WHBC) Pastor and Mrs. Street have done their part for church growth, with the birth of twin boys. Nine new members have been added the past month.

MARANATHA. Toledo, Pat Ryan (BMNA) Three have received Christ in the past three months. Pray as the church completes some legal matters.

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